

REMARKS

Reconsideration and reexamination of this application is respectfully requested. This case has become so confused for reasons that are too numerous to list that the Applicant elects to cancel all pending claims and substitute a set of new claims that correspond and are identical to the original amended claims.

Respectfully submitted

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a base having a flat base surface;

at least one pair of spindles, each spindle having one end mounted on said base surface and extending perpendicularly away from said base surface.

at least one pair of cams;

each spindle of said at least one pair of spindles having only one of said cams of said at least one pair of cams rotably mounted on said each spindle;

each cam of each pair of cams having a cam surface perpendicular to said base surface and convex toward a cam surface of another cam of said each pair of cams;

said at least one pair of cams operably arranged to permit positioning a rope between said cam surfaces of each pair of cams to provide that when tension is applied to said rope in one direction, said rope is seized between said cam surfaces of each pair of cams and when tension is applied to said rope in an opposite direction, said rope is released from between said cam surfaces permitting withdrawal of said rope;

F, a cover means for retaining said rope between said cam surfaces of said at least one pair of cams when said cover means is in a retain position and for permitting engagement and withdrawal of said rope from between cams of said at least one pair of cams when said cover means is in a release position.
